

Abstract of the Disclosure

An apparatus and method provide a mechanism by which an insurance adjuster or a contractor can accurately inventory damage to a building and calculate the total cost of repairing that damage. A plurality of sheets contain printed indicia representing different building elements that may need to be evaluated in appraising the damage. An input device, such as a barcode reader, is used to scan a selected indicium and provides a signal to a portable computer. The portable computer stores a table of the cost for each of the building elements and the signal is employed to access the cost in the table for the selected building element. That cost is added to the total damage cost and information about the selected building element is stored by the computer. After information for all of the damaged building elements has been entered into the computer, a report is generated detailing the damaged elements, the cost of each one, and the total cost of the damage to the building.